AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended)   A kiosk image processing system, comprising:

an image input device configured to receive a physical image and cause a digital image to be generated from the physical image; ~~and~~

image processing logic configured to process the digital image into a selected enlarged size;

a content database configured to store one or more content objects that can be selectively combined with the digital image;

monitoring logic configured to track usage of the content objects in order to calculate any necessary licensing fees due in connection with the use of one or more content objects in the content database; and

a large format print mechanism configured to print the digital image into a hardcopy image having the selected enlarged size including at least one content object.

2.   (Original)   The kiosk of claim 1 where the large format print mechanism is configured to print images greater than 8 inches by 11 inches.

3.   (Original)   The kiosk of claim 2 where the large format print mechanism includes an ink jet printer.

4.   (Original)   The kiosk of claim 1 where:

the image processing logic is configured to scale the digital image into a poster size; and

the large format print mechanism is configured to generate the hardcopy image in the poster size.

5.   (Original)   The kiosk of claim 1 where the image input device includes a scanner.

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6.   (Original)   The kiosk of claim 1 further including a network logic configured to communicate to a network and where the image processing logic being configured to communicate the processed digital image to a remote imaging device for imaging.

7.   (Original)   The kiosk of claim 1 where the image processing logic further including an image manipulation logic configure to manipulate image characteristics of the digital image.

8.   (Original)   The kiosk of claim 1 further including an interface configured to communication information between a user and allow the user to select imaging properties to be applied to the digital image.

9.   (Original)   The kiosk of claim 1 where the large format print mechanism includes a laser printer.

10.   (Canceled)

11.   (Currently Amended)   The kiosk of claim [[10]] 11 further including a search engine configured to search the content database.

12.   (Currently Amended)   A method for a kiosk image processing system, comprising:
        receiving an image;
        generating a digital image of the image;
        converting the digital image to a selected large format size;
        applying a content object from a content database to the digital image;
        storing licensing data relating to the content object applied; and
        on-demand printing of a hardcopy image having the selected large format size.

13.   (Original)   The method of claim 12 where the converting includes scaling the digital image.

14.   (Original)   The method of claim 12 where the on-demand printing is performed by a large format printing mechanism.

15.   (Original)   The method of claim 12 where the receiving step includes scanning of a physical image.

16.   (Original)   The method of claim 12 where the receiving step includes reading data of the image from a computer-readable medium.

17.   (Currently Amended)   The method of claim 12 ~~further including combining the digital image with one or more selected image objects accessible from a~~ where the content database is a remote content database.

18.   (Original)   The method of claim 17 further including searching a content data base for the one or more selected image objects.

19.   (Original)   The method of claim 12 where the on-demand printing step is triggered by receiving payment from a user for the on-demand printing.

20.   (Currently Amended)   A kiosk image processing system comprising:
        an image input device configured to receive an image;
        a user interface configured to received selected options from a user;
        an image processing logic configured to process the image based on the selected options and convert the image to a large format sized image;
        a content database including one or more image objects that can be selectively combined with the large format sized image;

monitoring logic configured to track usage of the image objects in the content database;

payment logic configured to receive an appropriate payment from the user; and

large format print mechanism configured to print the large format sized image on-demand if the appropriate payment has been received.

21.   (Original)   The kiosk image processing system of claim 20 where the large format print mechanism includes an image forming device means.

22.   (Original)   The kiosk image processing system of claim 20 where the large format print mechanism is configured to print images greater than 8 inches by 11 inches.

23.   (Original)   The kiosk image processing system of claim 20 where the large format print mechanism is configured to print images that are at least 11 inches by 17 inches.

24.   (Currently Amended)   The kiosk image processing system of claim 20 ~~further including a~~ where the monitoring logic is further configured to track usage of the kiosk image processing system and store usage data.

25.   (Original)   The kiosk image processing system of claim 24 where the usage data includes usage statistics.

26.   (Canceled)

27.   (Original)   The kiosk image processing system of claim 20 where the image processing logic further includes an image manipulation logic configured to manipulate and change image characteristics of the image based on the selected options.

28.   (Original)   The kiosk image processing system of claim 20 further including a search engine configured to search the content database.

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29.   (Original)   The kiosk image processing system of claim 20 where the image processing logic includes means for processing the image.

30.   (Original)   The kiosk image processing system of claim 20 where the large format print mechanism includes on of: an ink jet printing mechanism and a toner based printing mechanism configured to print the large format sized image.

31.   (Original)   The kiosk image processing system of claim 20 where the content database is remotely maintained and accessible by network communication.